

**Queen of Peace Middle School
Happy Valley-Goose Bay
presents**

“Messing up/ My Crazy Teacher”

Cast:

School Employees:

Olivia Paul..... Principal
Shawna Engram..... Ms MacDonald, Vice Principal
Alicia Russell..... Ms Greenster, Secretary
Riley Winters..... Ms Savige, Grade Six Teacher
Jennifer Meshier..... Mrs. Skinner, Grade Seven Teacher
Kim Mugford..... Janitor
Rebecca Gillett..... Ms Stickley, Play Director

Grade Six Class:

Haley Battcock..... Krissy
Maria Mullaly..... Jessica
Andrew Ricketts..... Jake
Charles Crocker..... Brandon
Michelle Saunders..... George
Sarah Roberts..... Julia
Debbie Kalleo..... Melissa
Ashley Montague..... Kyla

Grade Seven Class:

Billie Jean Maidment..... Adrienne
Jaimee Nitsman..... Emily
Max Matthews..... Ryan
Dustin Patey..... Derek
Aaron Patey..... Edward
Renata Hunter..... Friend One
Lauren Hiscock..... Friend Two
William Heard..... Friend Three

Others:

Amber Hodder..... Detective One
Elizabeth Holmes..... Detective Two
Joanne Letto..... Nerdy Cousin
Kendall Curl..... Adrienne’s Mom
Donovan Rumbolt..... Ryan’s Dad

Teacher Advisor:

John Hicks

Scene 1

Before the rehearsal. Scene opens with Ryan waiting for Derek. He is nervous and pacing at the front of the set. Enter Derek.

Derek: Yo Ryan! What's up?

Ryan: Man, I thought you weren't coming!

Derek: *(Pulls a note from his pocket)* Didn't you send me this note? *(Reads)* "Meet me on stage before drama practice. Urgent!" So, here I am! What's so urgent?

Ryan: Look, Derek, it's about this play.....

Derek: Yeah, like today's the final dress rehearsal. It seems like it's really gonna happen.

Ryan: That's just it! I just can't do those kissing scenes...

Derek: *(Teasing)* What's the matter, lover boy? Can't handle it? You got bad breath? B O problems?

Ryan: Oh, so I suppose you're ready to kiss Emily? You'd need a ladder just to reach her lips!

Derek: Aren't you the man? You still got that thing your older brother gave you two years ago?

Ryan: Yeah, I still got it. But that don't mean I gotta kiss Adrienne.

Derek: Adrienne's hot!

Ryan: So's Emily.... *(pause)* I just can't do it...

Derek: *(Quiet and finally serious)* Hey! I know what you mean but if we back out now Ms Stickleby will lose it completely.

Ryan: Listen Derek! I got a plan! It can't fail! Trust me, that kissing is not gonna happen! Let's go get ready. Come on! I'll tell you all about it. *(They leave the stage whispering together)*

Scene 2

The rehearsal. The whole cast is on stage. There is total chaos, in other words, an absolutely normal junior high practice. Eventually a rather shrill voice is finally heard over the din.

Ms Stickley: Quiet down every one! I want everyone to stop what they're doing and take a seat and listen to me for once!

Detective 1: I just knew this rehearsal was going to be different!

Friend 4: Quiet or you'll get kicked out!

Ms Stickley: *(composing herself)* Thank you Charraya, but it's a little late for that. As you know, our show goes off tomorrow and we have never gotten all the way through it. Well, we're going to get through it today if it's the last thing I ever do.

Ryan: *(Aside to Derek)* I have a feeling it's going to be! *(Boys smile knowingly)*

Ms Stickley: Quiet down over there! Now, when we start this rehearsal I will not tolerate any stops! We will go right from the beginning with no one going out for any reason, and I mean any reason!

Friend 3: What if I have to go to the bathroom? *(Laughter)*

Ms Stickley: Young Man, if you need to go to the bathroom during this practice you better have a note from your doctor! *(Groans)* Now, seriously, the biggest stumbling block we seem to be having is the kissing scenes. The kissing scenes are very important to the meaning of the whole play. If the kissing scenes don't work, the whole play doesn't work. Now, you kids wrote this play, it's about things that matter to you, so what's the problem? Yes Adrienne?

Adrienne: *(Snotty)* I think the problem stems from the fact that girls mature faster than boys! *(Lots of groans, laughter, etc)*

Ms Stickley: Well that may be, but we have a play to present and we have to do those scenes.

Edward: If it helps you out any Ms Stickley, I think I have the maturity to handle those sexually explicit scenes without suffering any permanent emotional damage. *(Makes awkward looking kissing gestures towards female cast members. Causes serious pandemonium.)*

Ms Stickley: Thank you Edward, but it is really too late to recast the whole play. Now, if there are no further questions I want you in position and ready to go in five minutes.

Cast noisily disperses and gradually quiets as lights fade. A beat in dark any intro or theme music plays as lights come up.

Scene 3

Janitor is mopping the floor as she spots Ms Savige.

Janitor: Oh Ms Savige... do you have a moment to talk to an old friend?

Ms Savige: Of course I do Kim. I'm on my way to class but I'll always have time for you! And please call me Riley, ahhh... when the children are not around, of course.

Janitor: I just want you to know that I still haven't gotten over the fact that you wouldn't take ballet lessons with me!

Ms Savige: *(Blows her off with)* Really Kim, life changes, people move on and change. Get over it! Look, I gotta be going... *(leaves)*

Janitor: That's what I was trying to tell her **I can't get over it!**

Scene 4

All students are heading to class.

Julia: Here comes the freak from freakland!

Kyla: Yeah, totally!

George: Greetings ladies!

Kyla: Oh no, here comes Krissy and Jessica.

Jessica: Hey, look Krissy. The dorks are back.

Krissy: Nice top Kyla!... NOT!

George: Greetings! I'm George, Matthew, Scott and Larry.

Jessica: OK dork, that's enough.

School bell rings.

Krissy: There's the bell. You babies better get to class before naptime!

George: I don't think it's right for you to talk to us like that. I gotta good mind...

Scene 5

Class in session. Focus grade seven.

Principal: *(On the PA)* H H Hell Hel lo students. I I I'd like to give a a a wa wa warm... welcome to ah ah grade um um .. Is it grade fives? Oh well, it's their first day, ah mine too!

Adrienne: Hey Emily, our new principal do not make any sense.

Emily: I know, did you see him? He looks soNERDY! We should try out for cheerleaders this year. I just thought about it.

Adrienne: OK! Sure why not? Let's try for captain and co-captain?

Mrs. Summer: Don't interrupt your principal. You can learn a lot from him.

Adrienne: Like ho ...oo...ow t t tooo st st u d d d er!

Mrs. Summer: Now I don't want any lip from you two this year. Are you hearing me Adrienne and Emily? So does anyone know the answer to this question?

Edward: *(Jumping up and down with his hand waving)* Oh ... Oh...me...pick me, pick me!

Mrs. Summer: Fine Edward, you may proceed.

Edward: Oh you made me forget! It flew right out of my mind.

Mrs. Summer: Adrienne, you wouldn't happen to know the answer, would you?

Adrienne: NOPE!

Mrs. Summer: Can't you even try?

Emily: Adrienne don't need to think for you!

Mrs. Summer: Well, I'll see you both in detention, hey Adrienne and Emily?

Adrienne: No, I ain't goin' to detention on the first day of school!

Mrs. Summer: Fine, I'll let you off then...

Scene 6

Grade six class

Ms Savige: *(Carrying her double double)* Welcome to grade six. I'll be your teacher for this year.

Krissy: Duhh!

Melissa: *(Sweet as pie)* May I go to the bathroom ms Savige?

Ms Savige: Why certainly dear.

Melissa very craftily puts some kind of drug in Ms Savige's coffee. Melissa goes on out the doorway and watches while Ms Savige takes a large slug of her coffee. This is followed by strange faces and finally an insane scream.

Whole class: What's wrong?

Bell rings. Whole class freezes.

Scene 7

In the hallway

Adrienne: Oh my gosh! We have class with Ryan next!

Emily: Ryan is so last year. Derek's the hottest now!

Adrienne: Yeah right! Ryan's still in. Here he comes....

Ryan: Hey Adrienne! What's ya at?

Adrienne: Oh hey, I'm doin' nuttin, you?

Ryan: Yeah, well, I thought I'd go to class. YO! *(Saunters off)*

Adrienne: OH MY GOSH! HE SPOKE TO ME!

Emily: *(Gives her a playful shove)* Get over yourself!

They drift off to class.

Scene 8

Grade six. The grade sixes are staring at their teacher. They come out of their freeze as Ms Savage goes to a boom box and pushes play. Pump It comes on. Class starts a very well done, choreographed dance to this tune. Vice Principal enters, looks around and states:

VP: How could you have a party without me? *(Starts to dance)*

Principal enters, looks around, stops the music and asks:

Principal: What kind of music is that? *(Changes the music and starts dancing with Vice Principal)*

Students complain about the music. Finally one student, Brandon, gets the courage to change the music back to Pump It. Class is relieved and Principal and Vice Principal look at each other, shrug and resume dancing. Meanwhile, Ms Greenster walks suspiciously through the dance. She looks carefully into several faces, especially the Principal and Vice. She slips out of the room making a big deal about shutting the door. When the door shuts the music either stops and the dancers freeze, or the music goes really quiet and students keep dancing. Ms Greenster goes to the phone.

Ms Greenster: Hello, is this Lake Melville Detective Agency? I am the secretary over at the school. Something very strange is going on over here. I need your most experienced detectives over here right away!

In just two beats, two of the smallest detectives in the world burst in breathing hard.

Detective 1: Quick! Where is the scene of the crime?

Detective 2: *(Looking around)* Gee! It doesn't seem like so long ago that I was going to a school like this....

Ms Greenster: Believe me, you wouldn't want to be going to this school!

Detective 1: Come on! Let's get started.

Ms Greenster: Follow me, they're just in here.

When the door opens the music either starts or gets louder. No one pays any attention as the detectives walk through the dance looking carefully at everyone, especially Ms Savage. They walk over and stop the music. This time everyone is upset.

Jake: Who are you? Are you here for the party?

Brandon: *(taking the gummy worms away from the detectives, who have been helping themselves.) Or the gummy worms! (At this time while everyone is laughing, Kim, the janitor takes Ms Savige away.)*

Detective 1: No, we're here to find out who made your teacher crazy/

Amber: Well, after that can you stay for the party?

Detective 2: OK!

Detective 1: *(To George)* Where were you when your teacher went crazy?

George: At that precise moment I was calculating the perimeter of North America.

Detective 1: Ah ...nice one! *(To Krissy)* And where were you?

Krissy: I was reading my magazines and filing my nails.

Detective 2: Cool! What about you Kyla?

Kyla: *(In love)* I was staring at Jake..... I mean drawing soccer balls!

Detective 1: OK, Melissa, what about you?

Melissa: I went to the bathroom. When I got back everyone was dancing.

Detective 1: Well, we'll be back when we find out who did this terrible crime.

Detective 2: *(Going to Brandon and taking another gummy worm)* Catch you guys later.

Class turns around and notices that Ms Savige is missing. One kid picks up her Tim Horton's cup. Many expressions of concern.

Scene 9

The cafeteria. Lunchtime.

Adrienne: So Emily, you know you like Derek! Well, he's right over there! Want me to go and ask him out for you?

Emily: Yeah, I think I like him but I don't think it's time for him to know.

Adrienne: Well I'm going over there to talk to him and see if he likes you!

Emily: No don't! You might ruin everything. *(Adrienne runs off)*

Adrienne: Hey Ryan! What's you at?

Ryan: Nothing much, just talking with the guys.

Adrienne: Well, I came over to ask Derek here if he likes my bestest friend Emily.

Derek: Yeah sure, I mean she's really hot!

Adrienne: So you like her?

Derek: Yeah, why not?

Adrienne runs back.

Adrienne: Guess what?

Emily: I told you I didn't...

Adrienne: Derek thinks you're hot!

Emily: Oh my gosh! No way!

Adrienne: Yes!! Way!!

Emily: You didn't ask him out for me did you?

Adrienne: Of course not! Plus you would look like a total coward.

Emily: So what you're saying is that if I want to go out with him, I'll have to ask him myself?

Adrienne: Exactly!

Edward: The Oxford dictionary defines coward as someone who is afraid...

Emily & Adrienne: Dork!

Scene 10

Back in class (grade six)

Jake: So, where is Ms Savige?

Jessica: Don't ask me!

Kyla: Great, our teacher is missing on the first day!

Julia: We should go and find her.

Krissy: Duh!

Brandon: Let's go then! *(The students file out of class.)*

Grade seven.

Principal: *(On PA)* Hello students! It's been a great day so far... Before you leave to go home your teacher will give you a note.... Wait I didn't give the notes out.... and it's not the end of the day.... so ... just carry on!

Adrienne: Well at least he got over his s s s stud studering... Hey Emily, think you should ask Derek out now?

Emily: You know I can't do that. You know what I'm like. But I think you should ask Ryan out.

Adrienne: You know that I can't do that either. Plus you know we gotta get you asked out first.

Emily: Oh my gosh, Adrienne, you are such a coward!

Adrienne: Please! I know, but you gotta get asked out first.

Girls actually get interested in class.

Mrs. Summer: Now, as you remember, last day we were examining these diagrams of the male sexual anatomy.

Adrienne: Oh my gosh! Look Em!

Emily: Gross!

Scene 11

After school

Amber: Where is everybody?

George: Well, school ceased operations for the day approximately fifty-nine minutes ago. So by my calculations, most of them would be home by now.

Julia: An hour ago! I missed soccer practice!

Jessica: Our brand new teacher is missing and all you can think of is soccer?

Julia: Well, yeah!

Krissy: You're such a freak!

Jake: Relax Krissy!

Krissy: Yeah fine....

Brandon: I think I hear Ms Savige!

Melissa: Thank goodness!

Kyla: Well, let's not just stand here. Let's find her!

They walk off, searching. The janitor and Ms Savige enter.

Ms Savige: Let me go!

Janitor: You should have thought of me when you wouldn't take ballet lessons with me! You ruined my whole life!

Ms Savige: I hear the kids coming!

Janitor: Oh no, those rotten kids never give up.

They leave and the class comes back.

Brandon: Great, we lost them.

Jessica: Yeah, I can see that!

Detectives enter.

Detective 1: We would like to interview Ms Savige now.

Amber: That could be a problem.

Detective 2: *(Looking for the gummy worms)* What do you mean? Where is your teacher?

Krissy: That's what we want to know.

Detective 1: You mean to say she's missing?

Whole class: Yeah!

Detective 2: I want you all to go home now! If Ms Savige doesn't turn up we will organize a real search during the dance tomorrow night.

Scene 12

Adrienne's house after school.

Adrienne: Hey Mom, what's you at?

Mrs. Hawthorne: Oh, hi girls. If you're hungry, there's snack in the fridge.

Emily: Thank you Mrs. Hawthorne. You're so nice to us.

Mrs. Hawthorne: Oh, by the way, are you guys planning on trying out for cheerleaders this year?

Adrienne: *(Hugging her mom)* OK MOM, what's on your mind?

Mrs. Hawthorne: Well, later this week are the tryouts and I thought I'd drop you off and perhaps stick around and watch...

Adrienne: OK Mom, but if you embarrass me I'll kill you!

Mrs. Hawthorne: I won't, I promise. *(Girls go off to the kitchen)* Ohh to be young again!

Scene 13

School, the next morning.

Principal: Good morning Students! You may have noticed that the grade sixes are not in school today. That's because we can't find their teacher. We're pretty sure she'll turn up soon. In the meantime, do we have a busy week! Starting next week, we will be having a robotics club...

Edward: YES! That's just what this school has always needed, a real robotics club!

Principal: And on Thursday will be cheerleading tryouts...

Emily: Oh, that's so our lead girl!

Adrienne: Oh yeah, totally!

Principal: And tonight, what you all have been waiting for... the grade seven couples dance. That's right, grade seven couples. So it's a busy time. Remember to behave or you won't be allowed to go to the dance.

Adrienne: OK, that's it. We absolutely have to ask Derek and Ryan to the dance.

Emily: You're right, we totally have to do that!

Both classes disappear.

Scene 14

recess. Guys are hanging on one side, girls are on the other.

Ryan: Hey Derek! We really should ask those girls to the dance.

Derek: Yeah, you're right! Wanna ask them now?

Ryan: Sure, let's go!

The boys approach the girls.

Adrienne & Emily: hey Guys!

Ryan: Can I ask you something Adrienne?

Adrienne: Yeah sure.

They walk off leaving Emily and Derek alone.

Derek: Ummmm I would like to ask you something also...

Both Boys: Would you go to the dance with me?

Both girls: I'd love to go to the dance with you.

Emily: OK, I'll see you later tonight.

The girls run towards each other.

Adrienne: Guess what? He asked me out! Ryan asked me out!

Emily: Derek asked me out too! And he was so cute doing it! Well, we have dates!

As the girls walk off they spot Edward walking towards them.

Edward: Would I be able to score a date to the dance with one of you two B-U-T-iful ladies?

Adrienne: Ummm... Well... It's like this Edward...

Emily: We'll think about it.

Edward: YES! My mother always says she'll think about things and it always means "YES". YESSSS! *(Walks off)*

Adrienne: What do you mean? "We'll think about it." Have you lost your mind?

Emily: Don't worry, my geeky cousin Vicky is arriving from London today right after school, and Mom says I have to be nice to her. We'll hook her up with Edward!!

Adrienne: All right!!!

Scene 15

At the airport.

Emily: There she is! Man, look at what she's wearing!

Adrienne: Those must be the newest fashions.... in London!

Emily: Edward will love her! Hey Vicky! Over here!

Vicky: How lovely of you to meet me!

Emily: I want you to meet my best friend, Adrienne.

Vicky: I'm very pleased to meet you.

Adrienne: Me too!

Emily: And Vicky, have we got a surprise for you.

Adrienne: There's a dance tonight and you're coming!

Emily: And we have a date for you!

Vicky: Well, that's nice, but I not really interested in most of the boys I know.

Adrienne & Emily: Don't worry, this boy is different.

Scene 16

At Adrienne's house. The girls are getting ready and Mrs. Hawthorne is fussing over them. She really wishes she were going.

Adrienne: I told you Mom! Vicky wanted to go straight to Edward's house. She said she couldn't go to the dance with someone she didn't know.

Mrs. Hawthorne: Do you think that was a good idea, dear?

Adrienne: NO! But she insisted! She said she'd meet us at the dance! Mom, she isn't a baby.

Car horn sounds.

Emily: There's our ride, Mrs. Hawthorne. Ryan's dad is picking us up. Don't worry about Vicky, and thanks for helping us get ready.

Mrs. Hawthorne: Bye kids, and have fun... (*aside*) but not too much. They're growing up so fast!

Scene 17

Ryan's dad's car.

Mr. Martin: Now boys, I'll expect you to behave yourselves. These look like pretty nice girls. I don't want you trying any of the things I did when I was your age.

Ryan: Dad, you're embarrassing me!

Mr. Martin: I'm sorry. It's just that I remember what I was like. I thought I was supposed to forget....

Adrienne: Please stop here Mr. Martin. And thank you for the drive.

Mr. Martin: OK, now you kids have fun. Just remember NO KISSING!

Scene 18

At the dance. Scene opens with Kim dancing a slow dance with her broom. She is very dramatic. The kids come in behind her and stare as if she's lost her mind. When the song fades...

Janitor: *(A huge sigh) Oh das my jam! (She floats off. Another slow dance starts. Girls look all mushy as they suggest they all dance. Enter Vicky and Edward obviously very much in love. Edward is not nearly as nerdy.)*

Emily: Oh hi guys! How are you getting along?

Vicky & Edward: *(Staring into each other's eyes) Oh, we're fine!*

Adrienne: Come on Ryan, let's dance this one.

Emily: Yeah, us too Derek!

The boys are scared as the girls but they put their arms around them. Suddenly a freeze as the Detectives lead the whole grade six class on to the front of the stage.

Detective 1: OK everyone! We will search the whole school! Remember, this is a grade seven dance, so try not to go in the gym and bother the older students.

Kyla: *(Looking through an imaginary door.)* What are they doing?

George: I think it's some kind of mating ritual.

Detective 2: You will find out all about that next year. Now I want you to concentrate on finding your teacher. Hurry everyone!

They exit back stage. We return to the dance where the slow song continues where it left off and the kissing looks imminent.

Ryan: *(Starts jumping around and crossing his legs as if he needs to pee) Miss, Miss, I gotta go to the bathroom. (Music stops and everyone stares at Ryan and then look toward Miss Stickley in anticipation.)*

Ms Stickley: Ryan! There will be no interruptions of this rehearsal! NONE! ZERO!

Ryan: But Miss, I gotta go!

Ms Stickley: I told you, no one goes anywhere without a doctor's note! That is final! Now *(pause)* carry on cast.

Ryan: *(Pulls a doctor's note from his back pocket and walks with his knees together, awkwardly to the edge of the stage) It's a note, from my doctor...*

Ms Stickley: *(reads the note with disbelief. Takes a huge sigh to compose herself.)* Very well. We will take a short break. The cast may rest where you are. Do not go out of character. *(Most sink to the floor. Ryan hurriedly and awkwardly exits.)*

Detective 1: *(Heard loudly offstage)* OK Grade sixes! Listen up. We have to go through the gym. Form a conga line so we won't look conspicuous. *(Conga line forms, alternate class members look to different sides for their teacher. When the interruption is obvious, the music fades as does their foolish looking)*

Friend 2: What are they doing here? Ms Stickley, this is a grade seven dance. They are not allowed to be here.

Ms Stickley: I agree Lauren. Can anyone explain this interruption?

Detective 2: We're searching for these children's teacher, Ms Savige. She's been missing for over twenty-four hours now, so we're taking it very seriously. Sorry about your dance and all.

Ms Stickley: *(really starting to lose it.)* OH MY NERVES! Really, what's one first year teacher compared to the success of a Creative Arts Festival play?

Ryan: *(Returning from the bathroom, much relieved, winking at Derek)* Ms Stickley, as the senior class don't you think it's our duty to help look for this teacher, even if she is only first year?

All: *(Except Adrienne and Emily)* yeah! Come on everyone! Let's start searching.

Ms Stickley: Mrs Summer! My pills! Quickly! *(She sinks into her director's chair which has been thoughtfully provided. She has given up at this point and quietly observes the remaining fiasco.)*

Detective 1: Join the line everyone! We don't want to lose anyone else. *(Conga music resumes and Ms Savige and Kim make three alternate entrances. On the third, they are trapped between two sections of the conga line. At each entrance they are further transformed into stunningly beautiful ballerinas. Or at least Ms Savige. They pose to applause as the music and lights fade.)*

SCENE 19

Walking home. The three couples are walking across the front of the stage. The girls are upset.

Adrienne: I can't believe you did that! You totally destroyed Ms Stickley's rehearsal! And I know you did it on purpose! How could you do that?

Emily: And poor Ms Stickley, she'll be in therapy until next year!

Vicky and Edward are just being "in love" in the background. The boys quietly and thoughtfully produce roses for the girls. Lights fade for good as the kiss, again, seems imminent. Cast enters for curtain.



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